

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

Notice of a Change in Status of the payable periods in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) program for Connecticut and Missouri.

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

EUC08 status:

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in status of the payable periods in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) program for Connecticut and Missouri.

Public law 111-312 extended provisions in public law 111-92 which amended prior laws to create a Third and Fourth Tier of benefits within the EUC08 program for qualified unemployed workers claiming benefits in high unemployment states. The Department of Labor produces a trigger notice indicating which states qualify for EUC08 benefits within Tiers Three and Four and provides the beginning and ending dates of payable periods for each qualifying state. The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EUC08 program can be found at: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding these States'

• Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on January 24, 2012, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate for Connecticut and Missouri fell below the 8.5% threshold to remain "on" in Tier 4 of the EUC08 program. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement for Connecticut and Missouri in the EUC08 program will decrease from 53 weeks to 47 weeks. The week ending February 18, 2012 will

be the last week in which EUC claimants in Connecticut and Missouri can exhaust Tier 3,

and establish Tier 4 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants can receive any

remaining entitlement they have in Tier 4 after February 18, 2012.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EUC program, and the terms and conditions under which they

are payable, are governed by public laws 110-252, 110-449, 111-5, 111-92, 111-118, 111-144, 111-157,

111-205, 111-312, and 112-78, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department

of Labor. Persons who believe they may be entitled to additional benefits under the EUC08 program, or

who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

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Signed in Washington, D.C., this 16th day of February, 2012.

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